

## HB 193 -- Board of Election Commissioners

Sponsor: Diehl

Currently, the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoints two members from each political party to each board of election. The Governor designates one commissioner to be the chairperson and one commissioner, who cannot be a member of the same political party, to be the secretary.

This bill specifies that if a vacancy occurs on a board of election commissioners, the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, must select a new board member from a list of three candidates submitted by the state political party committee of the same political party as the board member whose seat has become vacant. Whenever the position of chairman or secretary of the board becomes vacant, the Governor's selection from the list will also fill the position of chairman or secretary.

Currently, the Governor may also appoint a non-voting representative from each established political party to each board that also serves as the election authority. The bill repeals that provision and allows the Governor to appoint one representative of his own choosing to the board for observation and informational purposes but he or she will not be a board member, will not have voting status, and cannot be compensated but must be allowed to participate in discussions and be informed of any meeting of the board.